

Rogues & Gambit

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PHILLIPS
GÓMEZ
CURIEL





I don't
s'pose any of
y'all would rather
settle this over
a game of
cards...



...a
li'l *black-
jack...*?



Maybe
some *rummy*,
if you'd
prefer...?



...Hell, I'm
even up for a
game of *crazy
eights*.



No
takers,
huh?
All right, but
unfortunately
for you...

New Orleans.

...Ah've got you surrounded.

HRN!

OOF!

WHUMP



÷Koff÷
'Aven't had
enough
yet, eh?



KRAK



WHACK



WHAM



Li'l
advice?



If you're
gonna gamble
big...

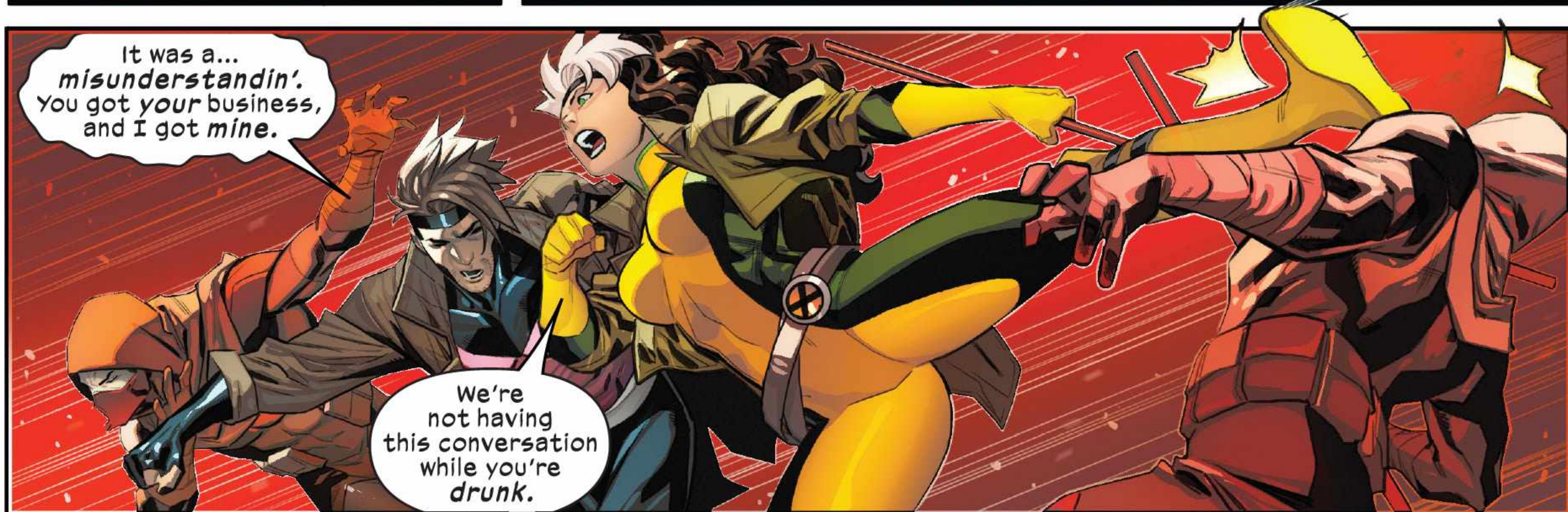
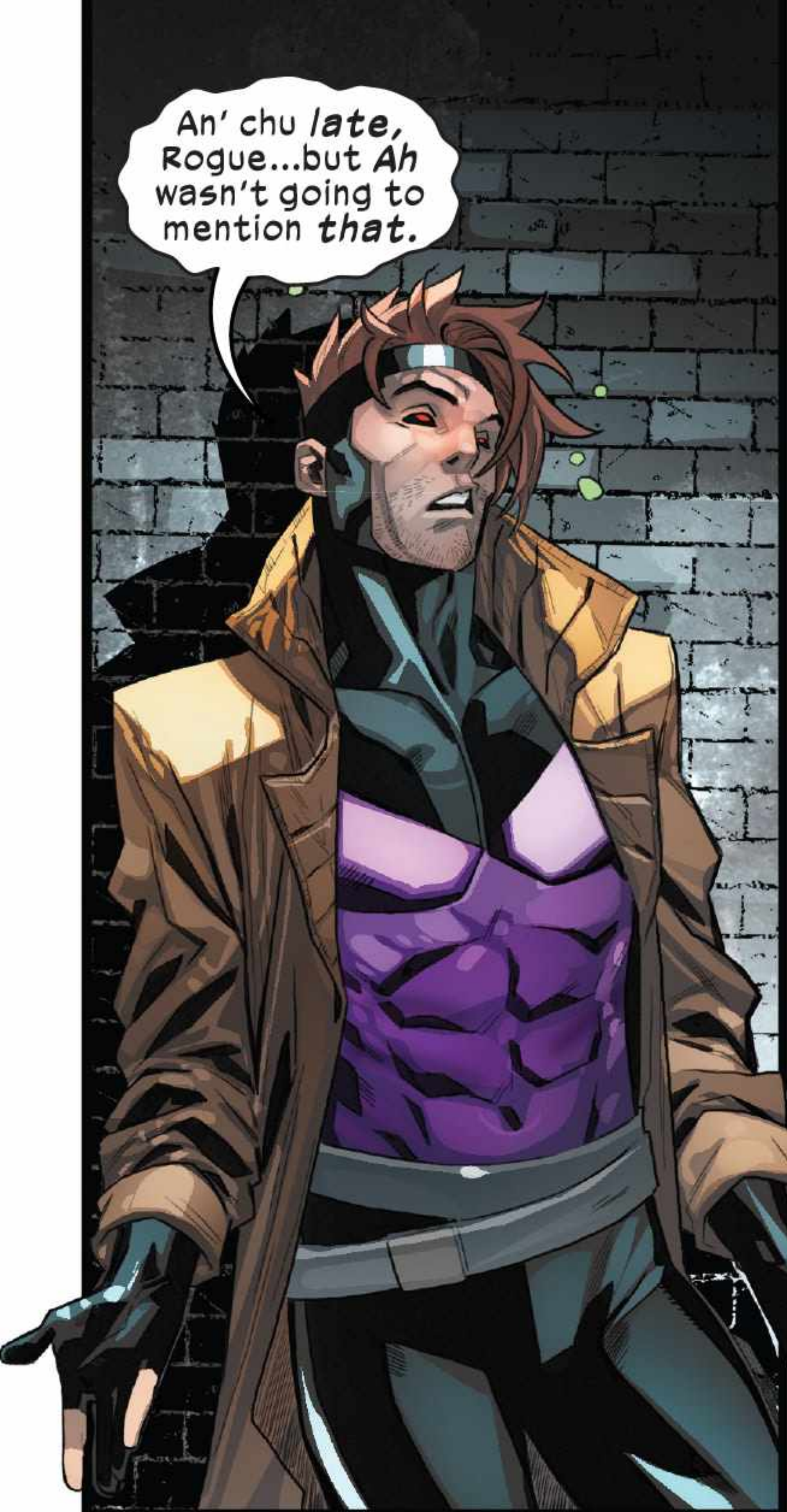


KRAK



...best
be sure
you got'a ace
in the
hole.

Remy, you're
drunk.

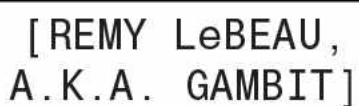


**MR. & MRS.
DON'T-PUKE-ON-ME**



He's Gambit!

Need more? Okay, okay: They live on a beautiful sentient island called Krakoa. When they're not fighting off anti-mutant haters to protect this utopic home for all mutantkind, they're trying to keep Destiny and Mystique, Rogue's probably-kind-of well-intentioned adoptive moms, from murdering the Krakoaan government and all their allies. Former villains gonna former villain, what can you say. And when all those problems are solved... Well, it's always five o'clock somewhere, ain't it?



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Upstate New York.
Three Days Ago.

Spesh

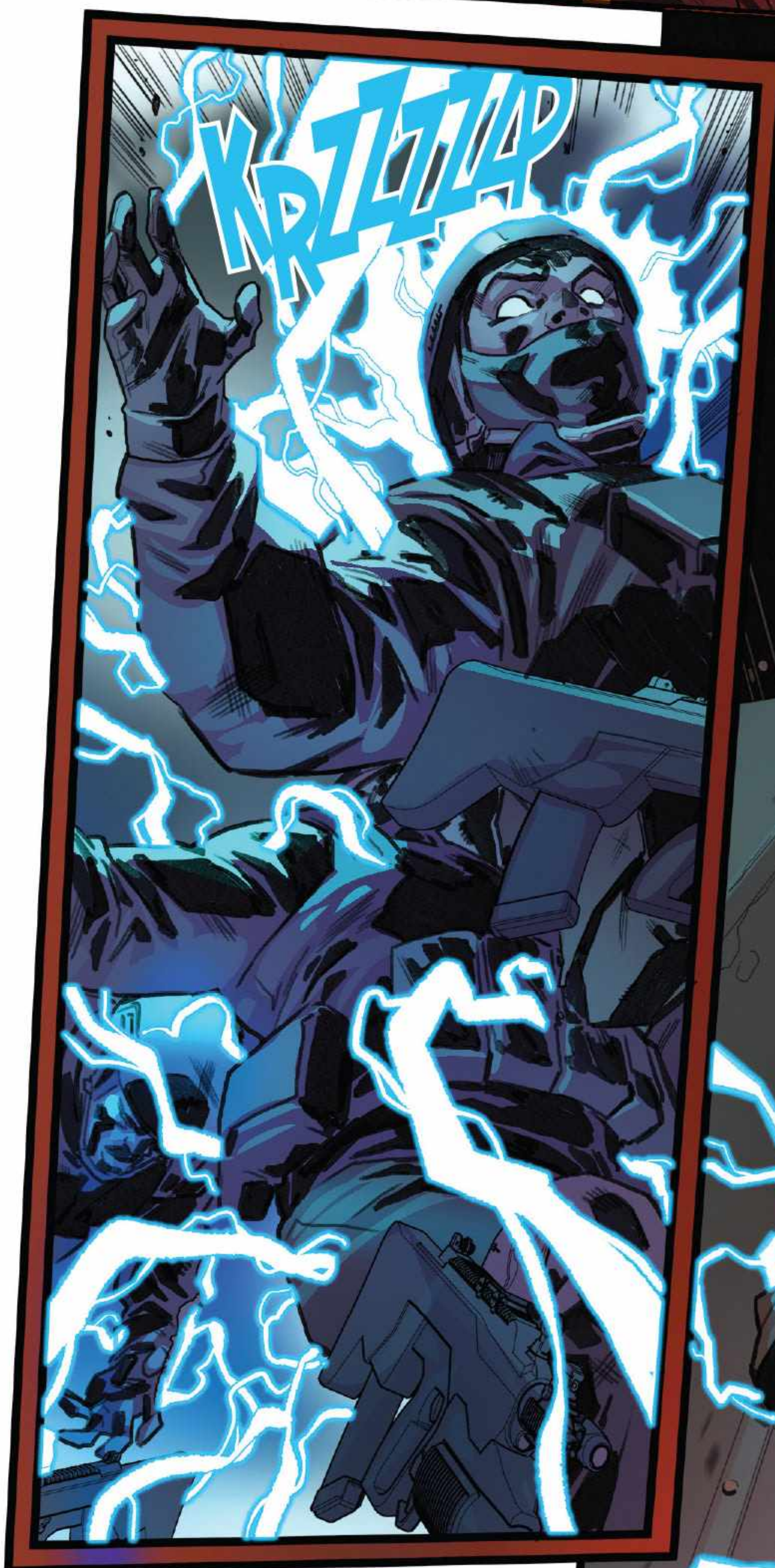
I couldn't
imagine tryin' to
eat with those
things...

...do you
just *stab*
the food, or
can you hold
a fork?

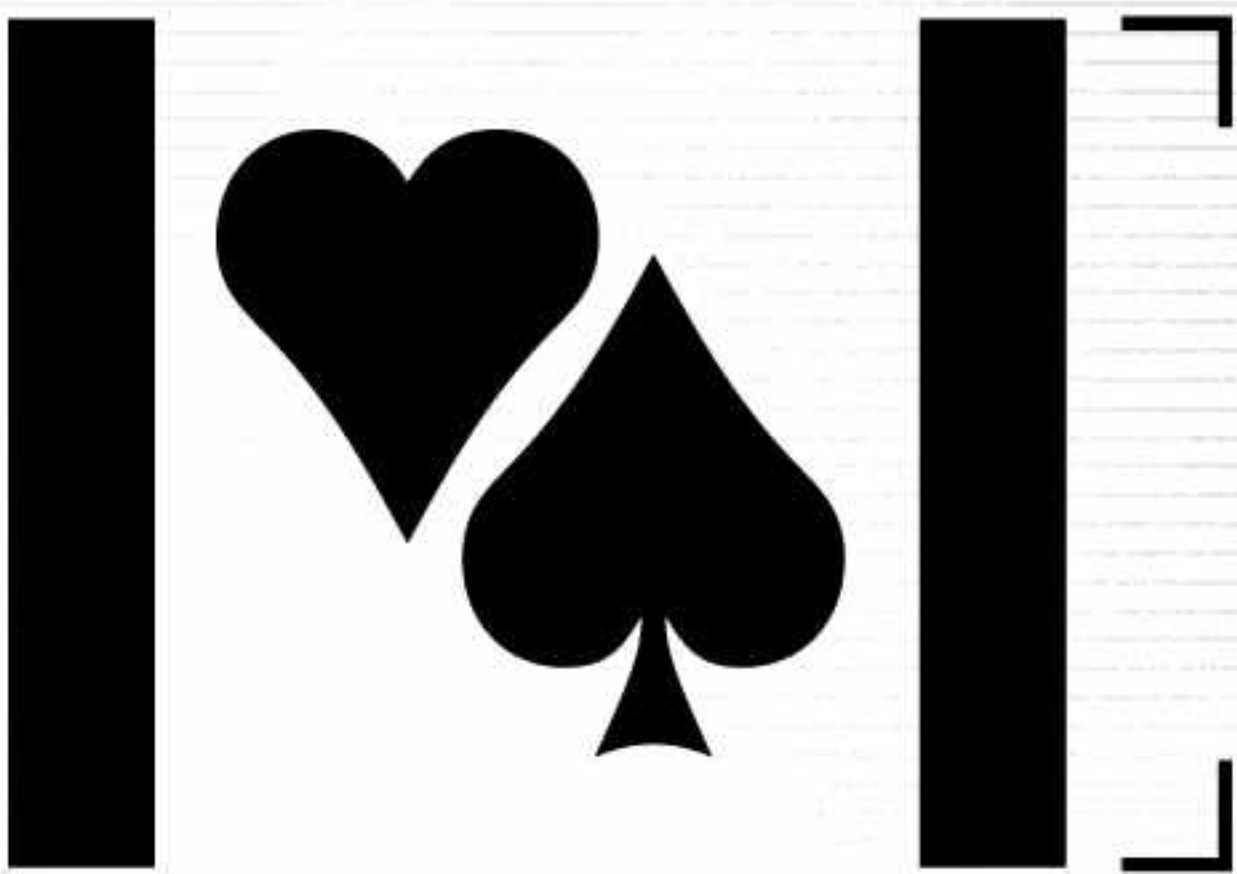
Hey...I'm
talkin' to you,
freak.

You
think you're
too good
for--?





[rogue][0.1]
[gambit][0.1]



[CAJUN SPICE]

12:25PM

♠

made reservation

♠

7 @ Lafayette's

sounds good

♥

♠

did you pack the lacey red thing...?

♠

😈

...

♥

I'm pretty sure the X-Men

still monitor this channel...

♥

♠

good

♠

😈😈😈

7:05PM

♠

at table in back

♠

next to the toilets... asked waiter if we could move

♠

waiter says we can't move cuz no "open tables"

♠

i see like 10 "open tables"

♠

what a [REDACTED]

7:15PM

♠

ordered wine

♠

you okay?

7:20PM

♠

Anna Marie?

♠

this [REDACTED] is gonna make me give up the table

♠

where r u?

7:30PM

♠

!?

7:52

♠

😬!?

🔥

New Orleans.
Now.

I looked
everywhere
for you.

We agreed
to meet at
Lafayette's...

...not
some **back-alley**
dumpster filled with
assassins.

I was
only tryin' to
spice things
up, mon
chéri.

Unfortunately,
there's nuthin' **new**
about having to save you
from yet another drunken
misunderstanding,
Remy.

You **wound**
me, Anna
Marie...

...and slightly
nauseate me...
mind holdin' **still**
a bit?

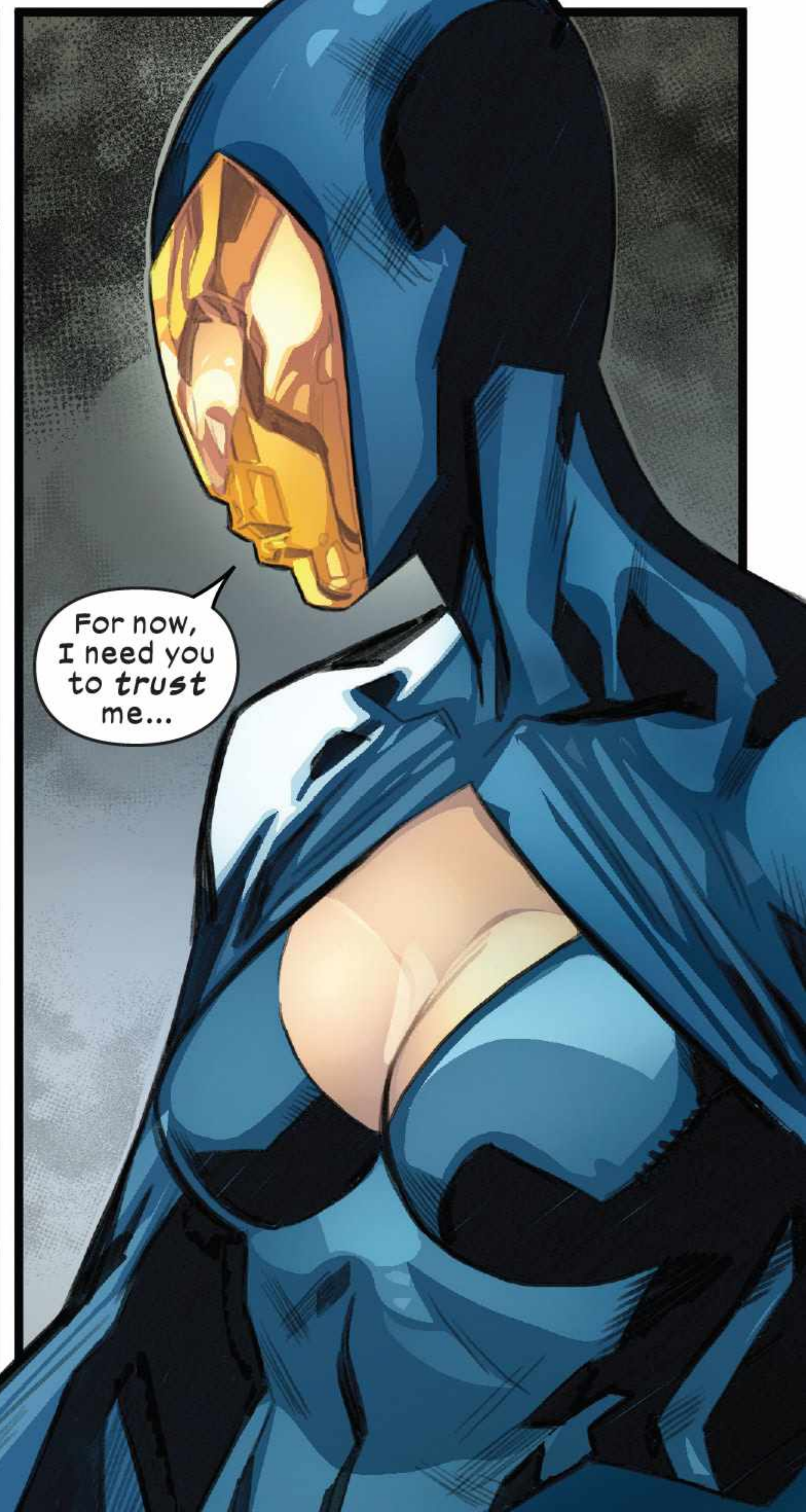
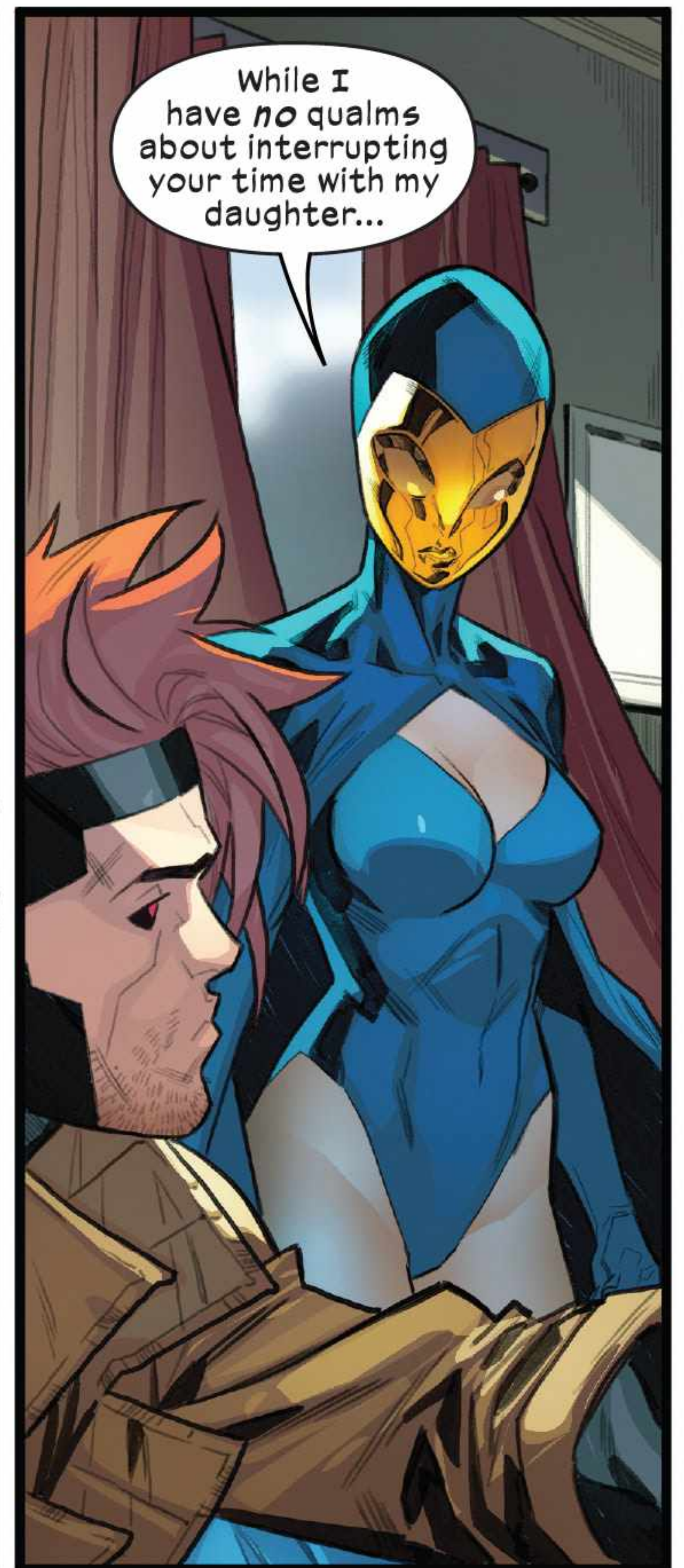
This was **supposed** to be
our **vacation**. Our first
in...who even knows
how long...?

I thought
we'd finally get a
chance to **reconnect**...
to establish a **new**
normal now that
I'm not on the
X-Men.

But I
guess **old**
habits and
all that...

I **did** warn
you about him,
child...







...I need you to bring me **Manifold**.



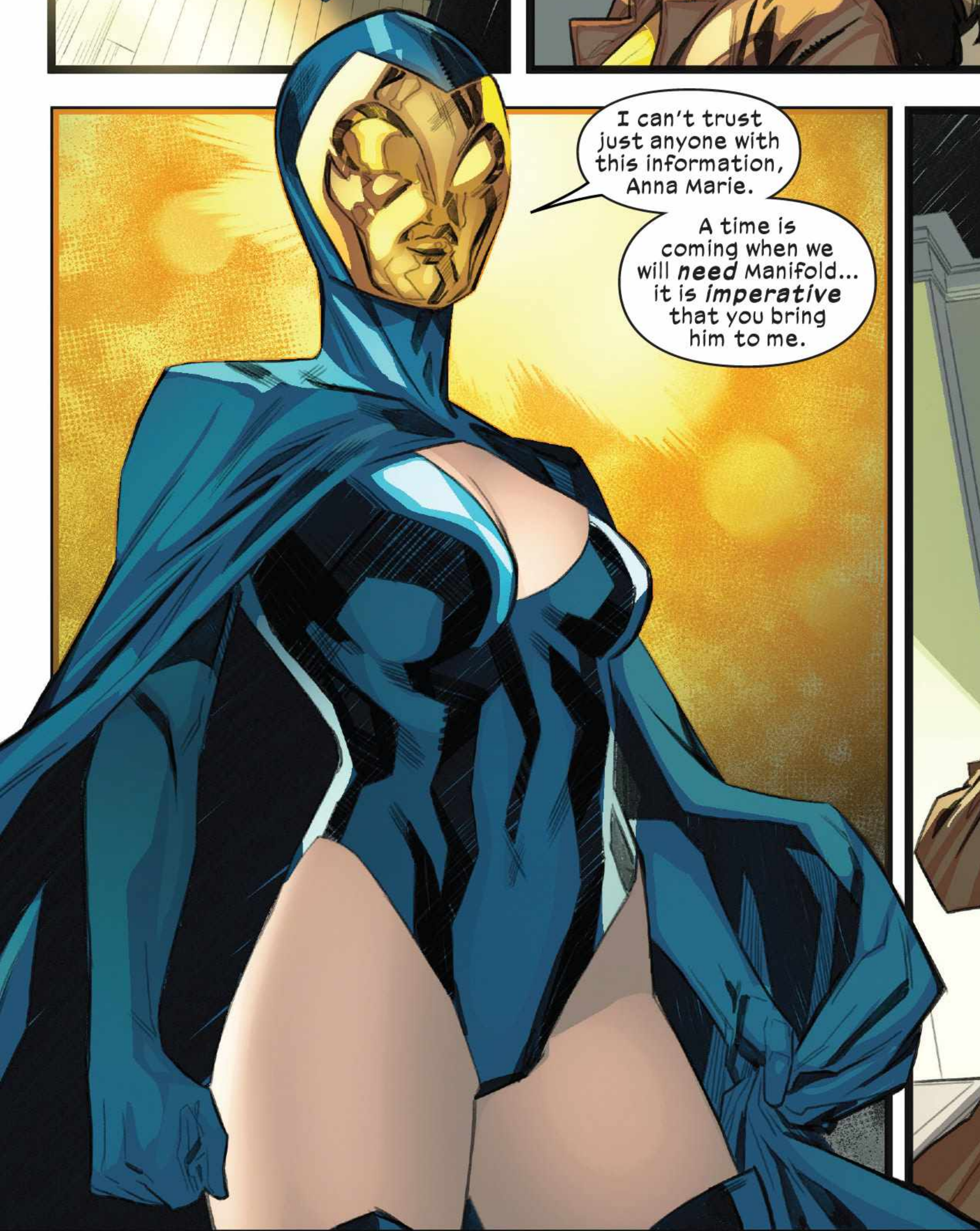
You mean that thing on a car engine...?

She **means** the **teleporter**, Remy.



Eden Fesi...he used to be an **Avenger**, right? Works with Cable and the S.W.O.R.D. team?

Precisely.

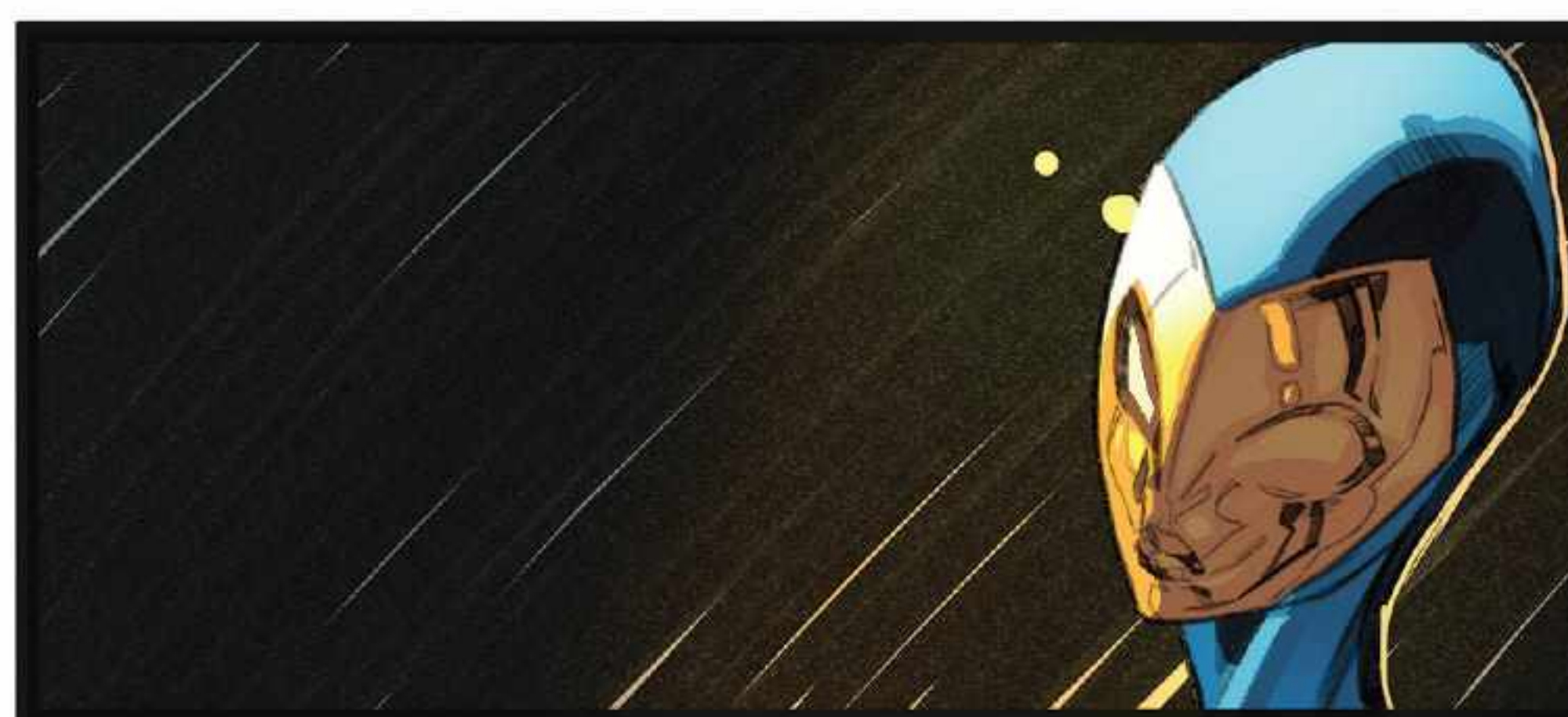


I can't trust just anyone with this information, Anna Marie.

A time is coming when we will **need** Manifold... it is **imperative** that you bring him to me.

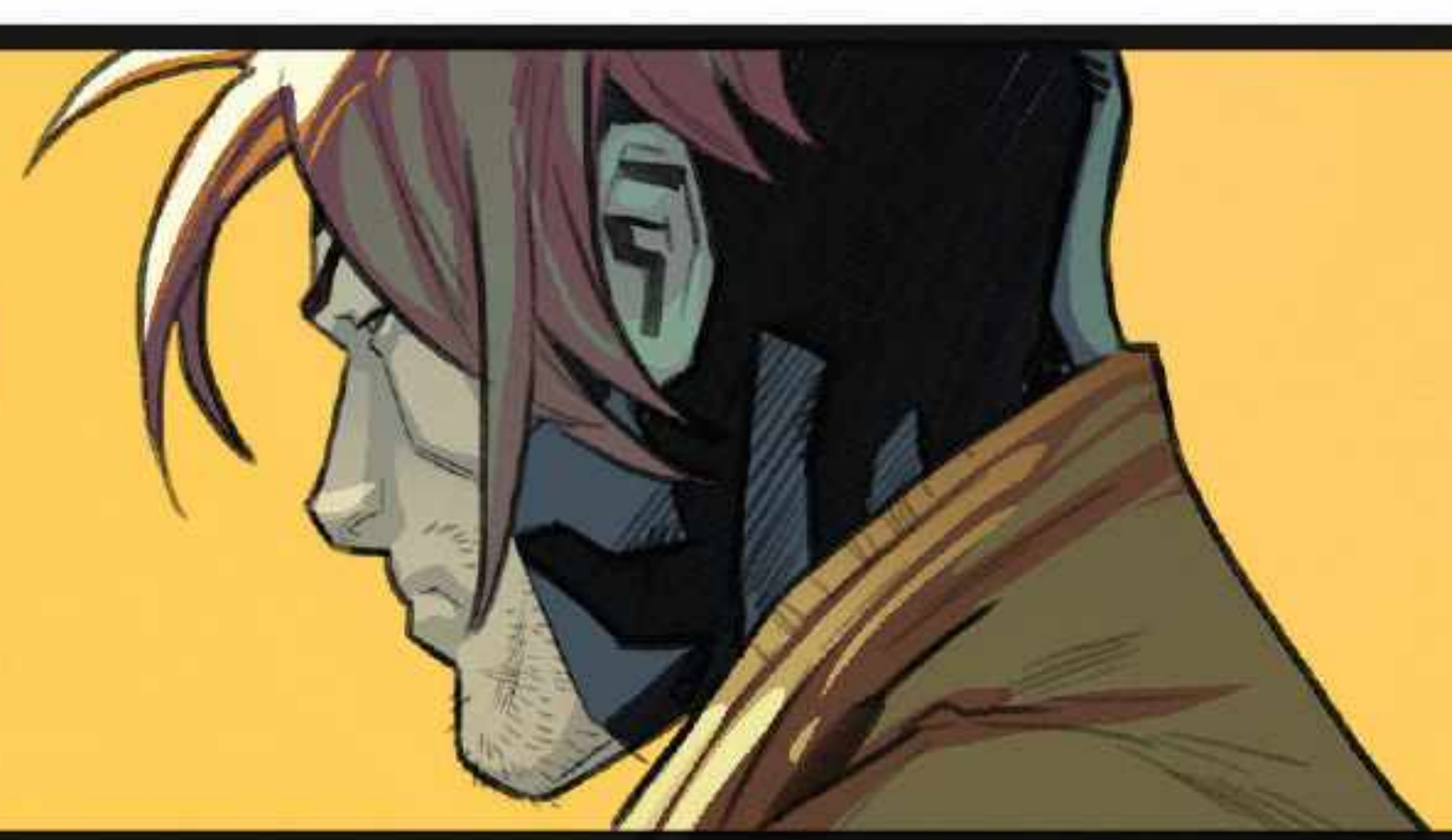


Hold on... you had some kinda vision of our future...but you won't **tell** us the vision... and now you want us t' just go **get** you a teleportin' **Avenger** because it **might** be important later?



It's **not** that complicated, boy.

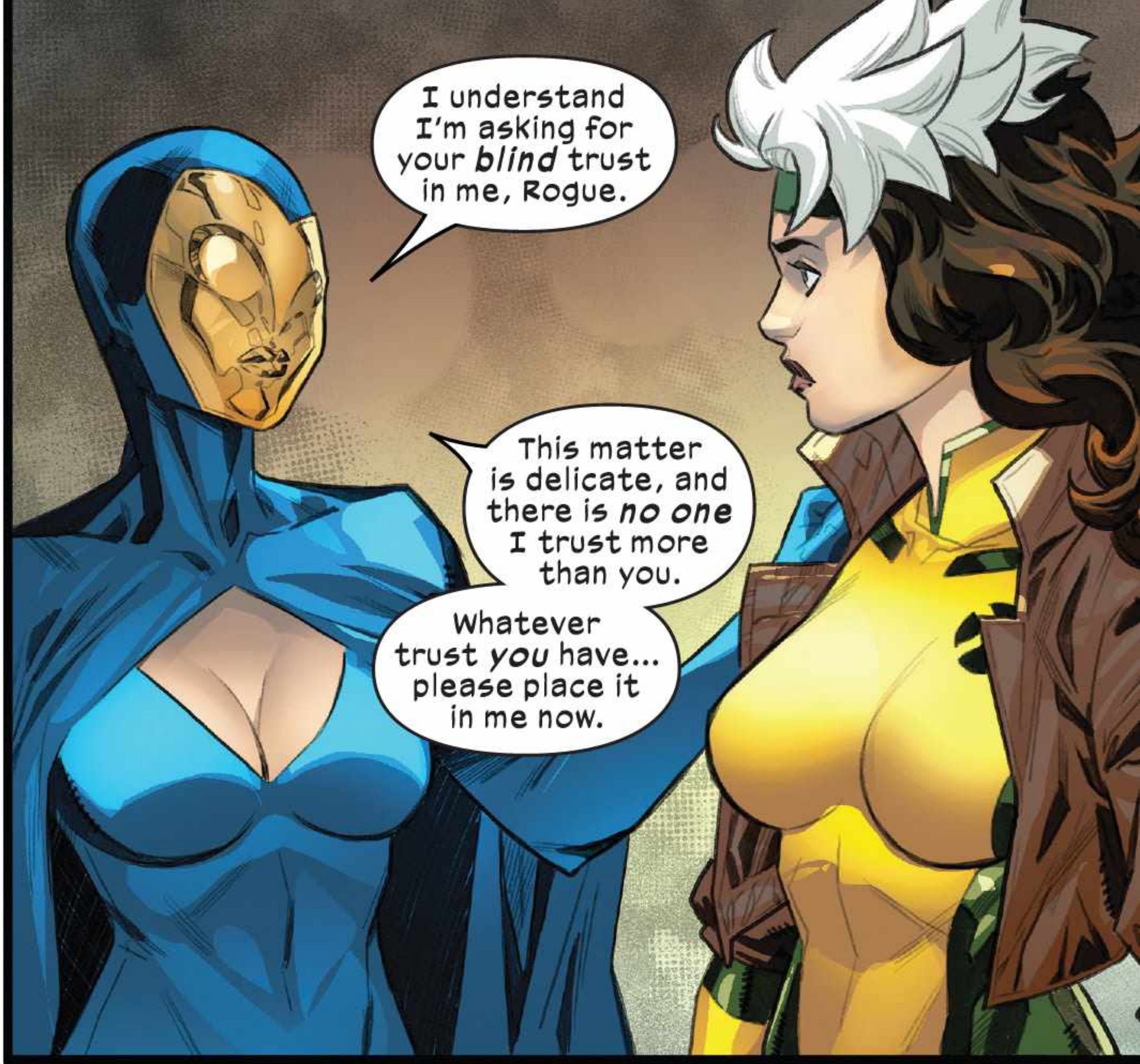
Perhaps your **wife** can explain it to you later in a language you'll understand.





Gambit *does* have a point... this isn't a lot of information.

Actually, it's *no* information.



I understand I'm asking for your *blind* trust in me, Rogue.

This matter is delicate, and there is *no one* I trust more than you.

Whatever trust *you* have... please place it in me now.



Then we need to find Manifold...

Great.



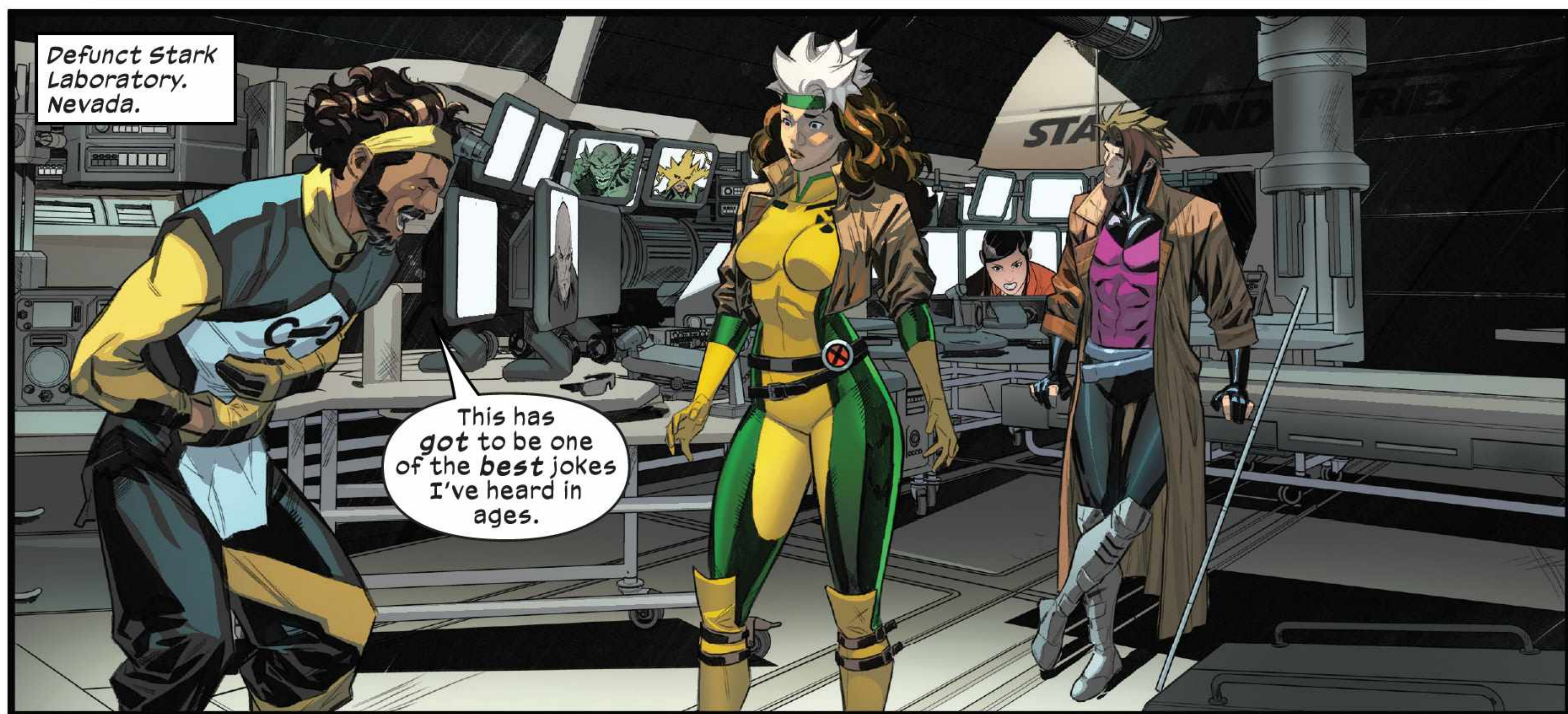
I can tell you *where* to find him...but you will need to *convince* him by *any* means necessary.

Manifold...will not blindly follow Krakoa authority. He may assist S.W.O.R.D. when called upon, but he follows his own agenda. And there's a very good chance...



"...he does not come with you willingly."

You want me to what?!



Defunct Stark Laboratory. Nevada.

This has got to be one of the best jokes I've heard in ages.



Why does everyone think I'm tryin' to be funny today?

That's not just today, Cajun.



Manifold...Eden... after what Brand did to all of us,* I don't blame you for being wary about taking orders from Krakoa.

I'd be lying if I said I wasn't too, sometimes.

But this isn't about Krakoa or politics...

*You know, that time Abigail Brand tried to start an intergalactic war? See X-MEN RED! --S.B.



Destiny would not have sent us if it wasn't important. And if what Destiny says is correct, then--



That's the problem, Rogue. What Destiny says is pretty limited, isn't it?

You don't know what this future *big bad* is, or what my role in stopping it is supposed to be.

So my answer is thanks but hell no...



Besides, I've got my *own* issues to deal with right now.

Deathstrike... Crusher Creel... what's going on here?



People with powers are going missing... *primarily* villains.

Taken from prisons... government facilities...

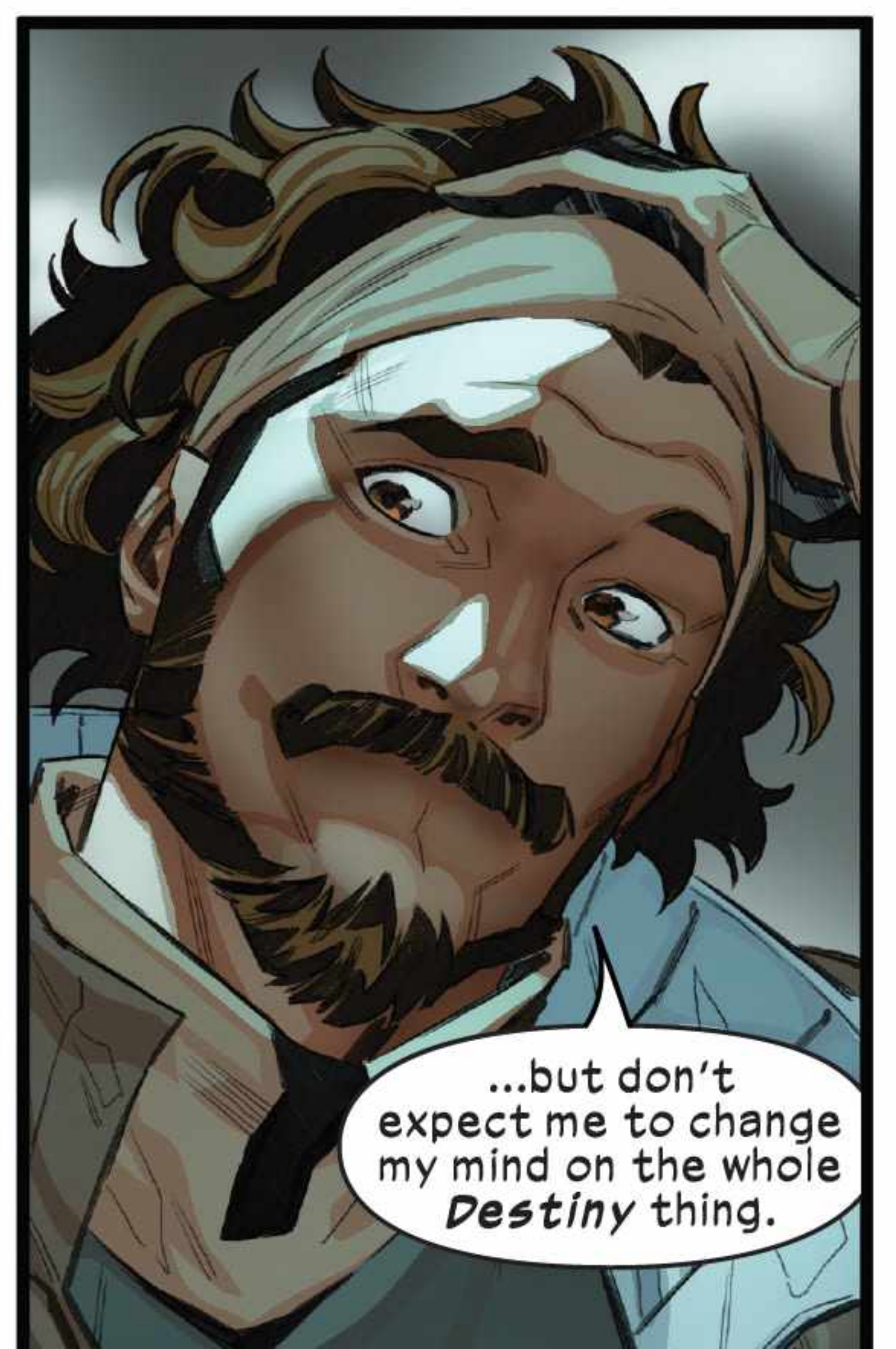
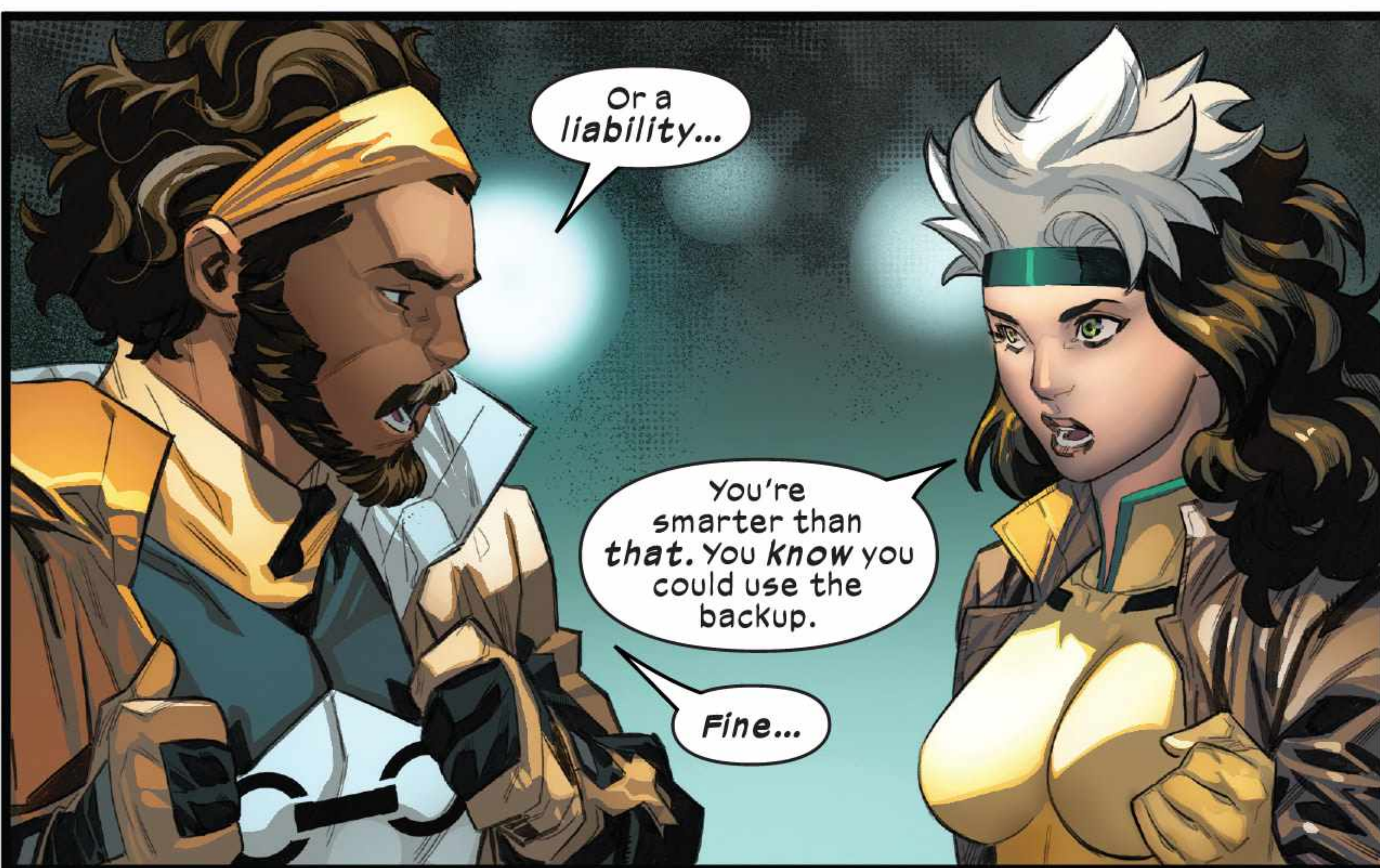
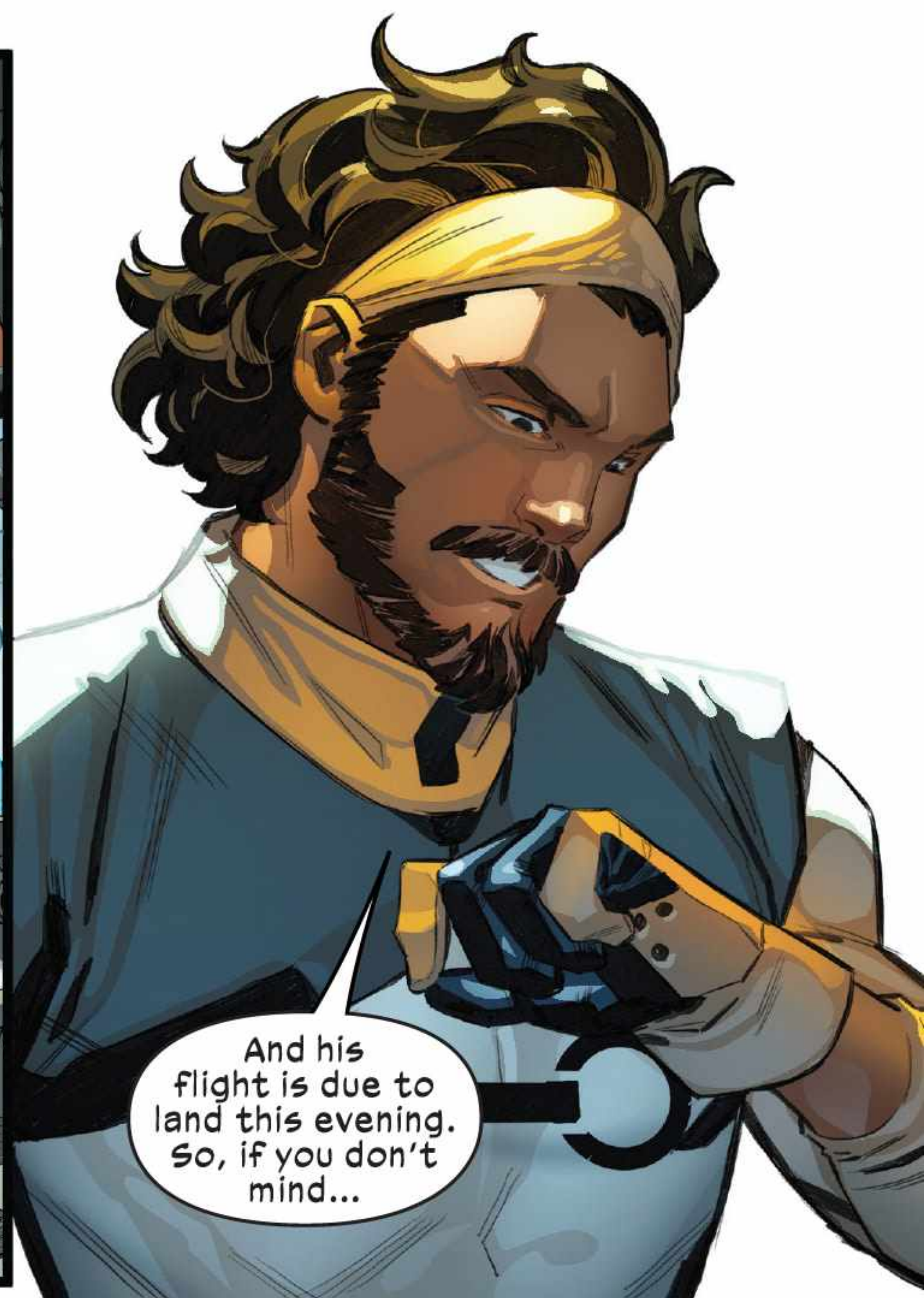


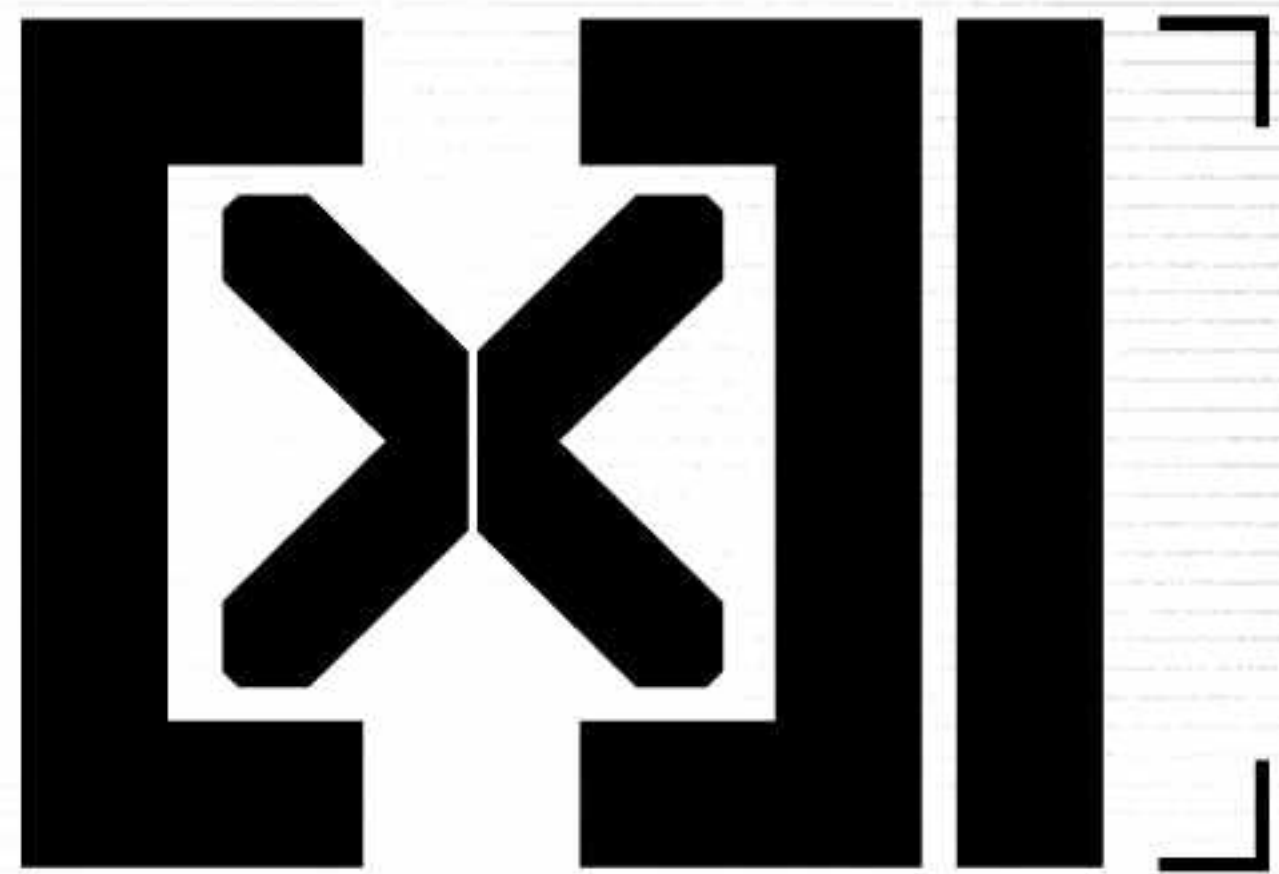
Most recently, Deathstrike's prison transport was *attacked* in New York. She's been missing for days, but surveillance detected traces of *adamantium* here in Nevada.

And then we intercepted flight information from a private jet headed to that location...



...a jet belonging to *Reuben Brousseau*. A British ambassador more *crooked* than the queen's teeth.





MANIFOLD'S MISSION REPORT

UPDATE: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

- DEATHSTRIKE
- CRUSHER CREEL
- JUGGERNAUT
- VANISHER
- ELECTRO



PREPARED FOR THE AVENGERS

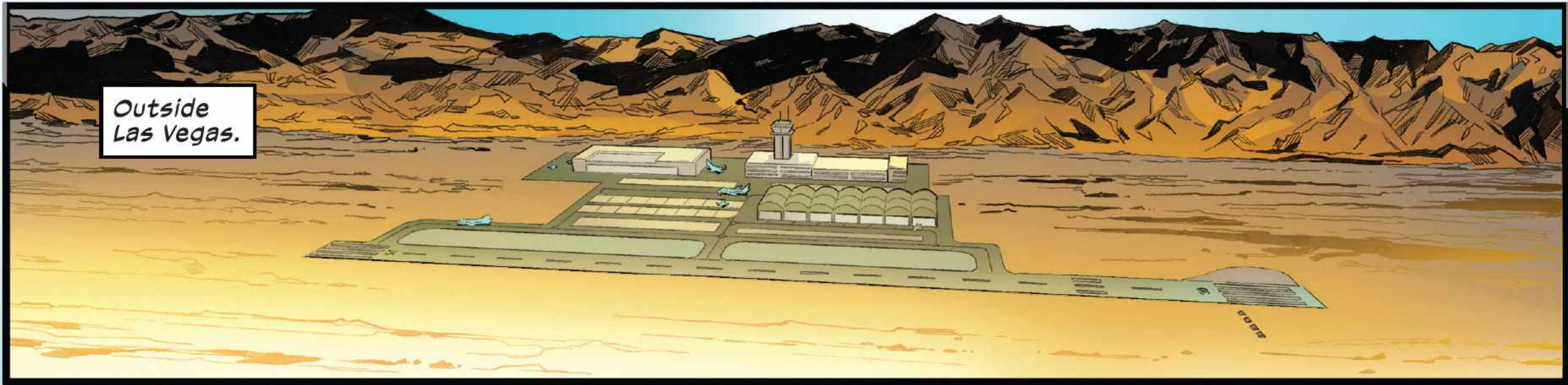
Three days ago, an armored vehicle transporting Deathstrike was attacked by an unknown assailant. She has been missing since, with only one brief trace of adamantium linking her to a possible location in Nevada. No survivors were left at the scene, though residue on the truck doors indicates the presence of a large electrical burst. In other words... someone blew █████ up with a **LOT** of electricity...

That much electricity makes me wonder if we can link Deathstrike's disappearance to Electro's, who went missing over a month ago from his maximum-security cell. Is Electro a victim... or **accomplice**?

Juggernaut, Crusher Creel, Vanisher... all missing... all untraceable. **Related?**

Headed to the Nevada desert for a possible connection to Ambassador Brousseau later this evening. Flight reports indicate Brousseau will be arriving just before sundown. Brousseau has been one of the more **vocal** oppositions to the mutant rise to power, especially in regards to government sovereignty. Add that to Brousseau's known membership to the Coven Akkaba -- people who get together to do creepy and evil magical █████ -- and his newest campaign against Betsy Braddock after she took on the mantle of Captain Britain... man. I'm willing to bet there's a link between our missing superpowers and this crooked ambassador.

Will report back tomorrow...
Manifold out.



Outside
Las Vegas.



It seems
your *employer*
wastes no time
getting down to
business...

We know
your time is
valuable, Mister
Ambassador.



You only
need to enter your
account information,
and the transaction
will be complete.

I *would*
like to see what
I am purchasing
first.



Of course,
Ambassador.

As you have
already been informed,
this *remote* will grant
you absolute control
over--





Nothin' sketchier 'an a bunch of *goons with guns* and a *briefcase* on the tarmac of a private airport in the middle of the desert...







I think
I have just
enough power
left to--



No!
Eden...we
won't leave
you!

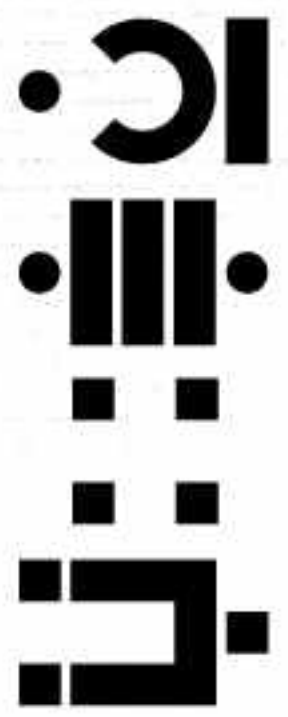
Don't
do thi--



Well, won't
you make a nice
surprise for the
boss...



To be continued!



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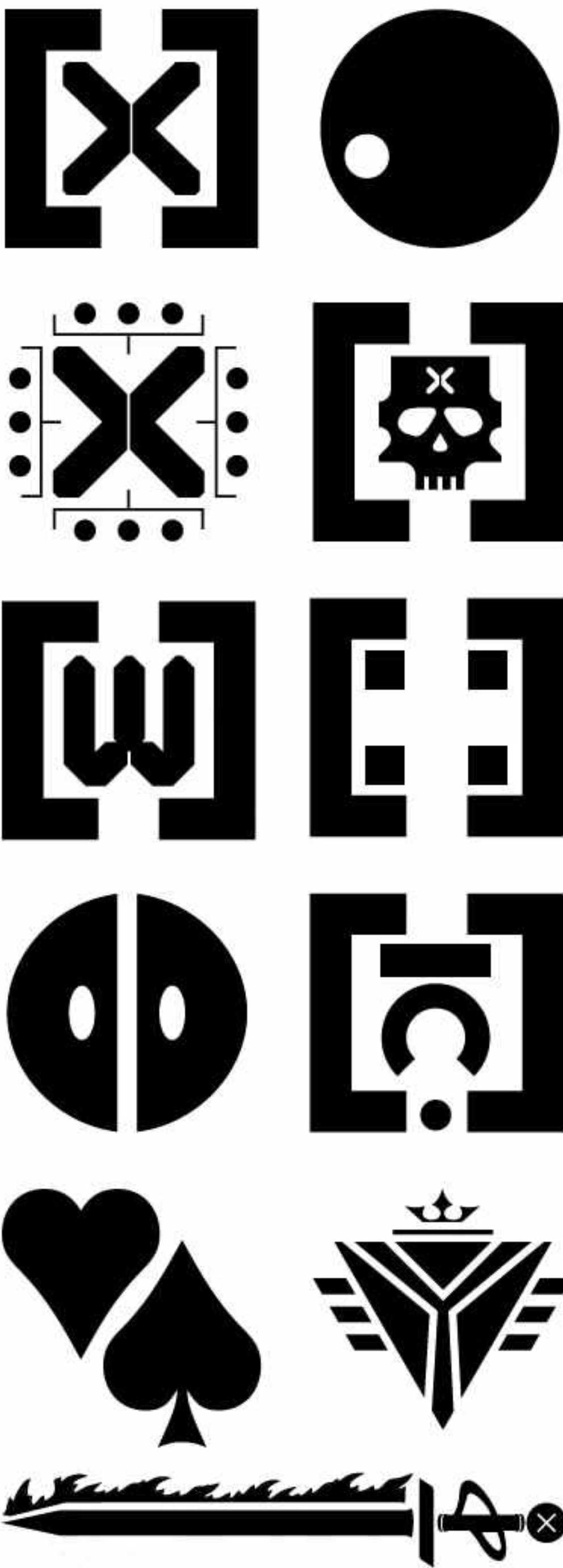
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